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## **AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted along with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination. These submissions are responsive to the Advisory Action dated June 22, 2006 and to the Final Office Action dated April 12, 2006, and are being filed within the shortened statutory response period that expires on July 12, 2006, as set forth in the Final Office Action. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

No amendments are made in this paper to the Specification, other than in the claims, or to the Drawings.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.